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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte: JOHN B. AMUNDSON, HEIDI J. FINCH and BRENT D. VICK

Application No. 10/726,247
Technology Center 2100

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Before Quita S. Gould, *Supervisory Paralegal Specialist, Contested Cases.*

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on September 9, 2009. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing.

PRIOR ORDER FOR RETURN

A prior “Order Returning Undocketed Appeal to Examiner” was mailed on February 25, 2009, wherein the Examiner was instructed that corrections were required. A review of the file finds that the required corrections have not been made in entirety. The matters still requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

EXAMINER’S ANSWER, GROUNDS OF REJECTION

A review of the file finds that the grounds of rejection of the claims as provided in the Examiner’s Answer mailed July 22, 2008, under the heading “Grounds of Rejection” are not consistent with the grounds of rejection of claims set forth in the last Office action of record. The grounds of rejection of the claims as provided in the Examiner’s Answer must be consistent with the last Office action of record, including any Advisory action responsive to any after final submissions. *See also Manual of Patent Examining Procedure* (MPEP) § 1207.02 and 1207.03 (8th ed. Rev. 6, Sept 2007) for details.

It is noted that the Final Rejection, mailed August 23, 2007, refers to a rejection of claim 55 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. However, the body of the rejection refers to claim 57 and identifies a limitation that occurs in claim 57, not in claim 55.

Appellants, in the Appeal Brief (pp. 14-15) filed February 25, 2008, and in the Reply Brief (p. 1) filed September 22, 2008, correctly noted this discrepancy.

The “Order Returning Undocketed Appeal to Examiner”, mailed February 25, 2009, requested clarification from the Examiner on this matter. Clarification was not found in the Advisory mailed September 1, 2009.

Clarification of the record is required for all “Grounds of Rejection to be Reviewed on Appeal” for all claims.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- 1) to clarify the grounds of rejection as set forth in the Examiner’s Answer mailed July 22, 2008; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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